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INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

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SUBJECT: G.K.REDDY ARTICLE

FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF G.K. REDDY ARTICLE ENTITLED  
"U.S. BID TO CONSOLIDATE INFLUENCE IN PAK." APPEARING  
IN AUGUST 2 HINDU.

QUOTE.

THE U.S. IS REPORTED TO BE TAKING AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN  
THE EFFORTS THE SHAH OF IRAN IS MAKING TO BRING ABOUT A  
RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN AS  
PART OF HIS WIDER CONCERN FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING IN THE  
REGION.

DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO TEHERAN, ISLAMABAD AND  
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KABUL, THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, DR. HENRY KISSINGER,

IS EXPECTED TO PLAY HIS PART IN CARRYING FORWARD THIS  
PROCESS OF PAK.- AFGHAN RECONCILIATION.

THOUGH THE U.S. HAS BEEN USING ITS GOOD OFFICES FROM TIME  
TO TIME TO END THE PAK.- AFGHAN ESTRANGEMENT THROUGH SOME  
SORT OF MODUS VIVENDI OVER THE PAKHTOON ISSUE, IT HAS NOT  
BEEN ABLE TO GENERATE THE NECESSARY CONFIDENCE IN ITS OWN  
MOTIVATIONS BY DISPELLING THE SUSPICION THAT THE AMERICAN  
DIPLOMACY IN THE AREA IS, IN EFFECT, AIMED AT FAVOURING  
PAKISTAN AT THE EXPENSE OF AFGHANISTAN. IT REMAINS TO BE  
SEEN WHETHER DR. KISSINGER WITH ALL HIS MAGIC SPELL CAN  
PROVIDE THE MISSING MIDAS TOUCH THAT IS REQUIRED FOR RE-  
MOVING THIS APPREHENSION.

A RATHER INTRIGUING FEATURE OF THIS NEW KISSINGER DIPLOMACY  
IN THE AREA IS HIS DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO ISOLATE INDIA FROM  
THE MOVES UNDER WAY FOR IMPROVING PAK.- AFGHAN RELATIONS.  
THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA WAS OFFICIALLY INFORMED BY THE U.S.  
EMBASSY IN DELHI OF HIS PROJECTED VISIT TO THE THREE  
COUNTRIES IN THE REGION. THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS OBVIOUSLY  
TRYING TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER INDIA WAS REALLY KEEN THAT DR.  
KISSINGER SHOULD INCLUDE DELHI ALSO IN THIS VISIT TO THE  
REGION.

BUT THERE WAS NO RESPONSE FROM THE U.S. SIDE DESPITE  
A CLEAR INDICATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA WOULD BE  
HAPPY TO RECEIVE AND HAVE USEFUL TALKS WITH HIM. IF DR.  
KISSINGER WAS INTERESTED IN USING THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR A  
MEETING WITH MRS. INDIRA GANDHI AND MR. Y.B. CHAVAN,  
THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO DIFFICULTY IN FIXING THE VISIT.  
HE COULD HAVE EASILY STOPPED OVER IN DELHI IN THE COURSE  
OF HIS AWING THROUGH ISLAMABAD, KABUL AND TEHERAN,  
BEFORE MR. CHAVAN'S DEPARTURE FOR COLOMBO ON AUGUST 10  
FOR THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE.

AS SOME POLITICAL OBSERVERS VIEW IT, IT IS JUST AS WELL  
THAT DR. KISSINGER IS NOT COMING TO DELHI AT THIS  
TIME WHEN THE U.S. POLICIES ARE IN A STATE OF ANIMATED  
SUSPENSION (SIC). HE COULD NOT HAVE GOT DOWN TO THE  
BASIC PROBLEMS OF INDO-U.S. RELATIONS IN THE MIDST OF AN  
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UNCERTAIN ELECTION WHEN HIS OWN CONTINUANCE IN OFFICE IS  
IN DOUBT. A PERIPHERAL DIALOGUE WOULD NOT HAVE SERVED  
ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE OTHER THAN CREATING THE MISLEADING  
IMPRESSION THAT THE U.S. HAS RECONCILED ITSELF TO THE NEW  
REALITIES OF THE SUB-CONTINENTAL SITUATION.

IN THE COURSE OF A RECENT SPEECH, DR. KISSINGER PROPOUNDED  
THE THEORY THAT ASIAN SECURITY SHOULD BE FORMULATED IN

GLOBAL TERMS, SINCE ALL THE MAJOR POWERS OF THE WORLD HAD A SIGNIFICANT INTEREST IN IT. THOUGH THE SECURITY OF ANY OF THE WORLD POWERS WOULD NOT BE DETERMINED BY EVENTS IN ASIA, THEY WOULD ALL BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY CONFLICT IN THIS VAST CONTINENT. HE USED THIS THESIS TO PLEAD FOR WHAT HE CALLED AN ASIAN BALANCE WHICH FITS IN WITH THE CURRENT U.S. MOVES FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF ITS INFLUENCE IN THE KEY REGIONS OF THE CONTINENT.

IT IS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND THAT DR. KISSINGER IS MAKING HIS TRIP TO IRAN, PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN WHERE THE CONSOLIDATION OF AMERICAN INFLUENCE TAKES THE FORM OF CONTAINMENT OF SOVIET INFLUENCE. THOUGH IRAN IS THE FOCAL POINT OF AMERICAN DIPLOMACY IN THIS PIVOTAL REGION, AFGHANISTAN IS QUITE IMPORTANT FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF PREVENTING A FURTHER EXTENSION OF SOVIET INFLUENCE TO PAKISTAN ITSELF IN THE ABSENCE OF A FRESH REAFFIRMATION OF U.S. SUPPORT TO IT.

THE U.S. HAS NOT TAKEN KINDLY TO THE LATEST SOVIET ATTEMPTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN. THE SOVIET UNION HAS AGREED TO SELL A NUMBER OF HELICOPTERS TO PAKISTAN, BESIDES STEPPING UP ITS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. MR. BHUTTO HAS BEEN USING THIS AS A VEILED THREAT TO EXTRACT FURTHER CONCESSIONS FROM WASHINGTON. SO INSTEAD OF GETTING DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN A NEW RIVALRY WITH THE SOVIET UNION OVER PAKISTAN, DR. KISSINGER IS EVIDENTLY USING THE IRANIAN MOVES FOR PAK-AFGHAN RAPPROCHEMENT AS A COVER FOR CONSOLIDATING THE U.S. INFLUENCE IN BOTH THESE COUNTRIES IN THE NAME OF ENCOURAGING THIS RECONCILIATION. UNQUOTE.  
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